

CIRCULAR.

The attention of Town Superintendents, Teachers, and others interested in the cause of popular education in the State of Vermont is called to Section 2, Act No. 2, of the Laws of Vermont for the year 1866, which reads as follows:

SECTION 2.—The Board of Education are hereby authorized, and it is made their duty, on or before July 1, 1867, and on or before said date every fifth year thereafter, to select a list of such grammars, geographies, arithmetics, histories of this State and the United States, philosophies, algebras, readers and spellers, not exceeding one book of a kind in each branch, as they shall deem best suited for instruction and use in the district schools in this State, in each of said branches; and shall cause the list so selected to be published in all the newspapers published in the State, during the month of January next following the making of such selection; and also to be inserted in each school register issued after one year from the making of such selection; which list, so selected, shall be and remain authoritative and binding upon the Board of Education, superintendents and teachers, and during five years from and after November 1, 1868, and each five years thereafter; and superintendents and teachers shall recommend for use in the district schools, as new books shall become necessary for instruction in the branches named, no other than the books included in said list so selected and published.

The following is an extract from the Report of the Board of Education, for the year 1867, page 8:

Mitchell's First Lessons, Primary, and Intermediate Geographies were adopted, for these reasons, in brief: the simplicity and clearness of the text, the gradual and constant advancement from the primary truths to the higher departments of geographical knowledge, the clearness and completeness of the definitions, the elegance and accuracy of the maps, the attractiveness of the pictorial illustrations, and the uniform method of treating topics that are similar to each other. Since the adoption of these books, the publishers have taken measures to prepare a special edition of the Intermediate Geography for use in the schools of Vermont. This edition will contain a new quarto map of the State, engraved on copperplate, and four pages of letter press and questions, relating to the geography of Vermont, to be prepared by Rev. Phineas H. White. It is believed that this feature, while it is not to increase the cost of the books, will materially increase its value and the interest with which it will be studied. McNally's Physical Geography, accompanied by Montith's Lessons in Astronomy, was adopted, to be used in those departments of the study which are indicated by their titles. Guyot's Common School Geography was adopted as a Physical Geography of a grade different from McNally's.

Inasmuch as there seems to be some misapprehension as to the intention and design of the Board in recommending the different text-books in geography, it seems proper to state that it was their intention to recommend the use of Mitchell's Geographies by all classes which have hitherto used, or which would otherwise use Cornell's, and that they did not design that Guyot's Geographies should be used, except by pupils who, having passed through Mitchell's, desire to advance to the study of physical geography by Guyot's method.

The publishers of Mitchell's New Geographies will send agents into every town in the State, to supply schools according to the terms annexed, and it is hoped that superintendents will furnish every facility for the speedy prosecution of their business.

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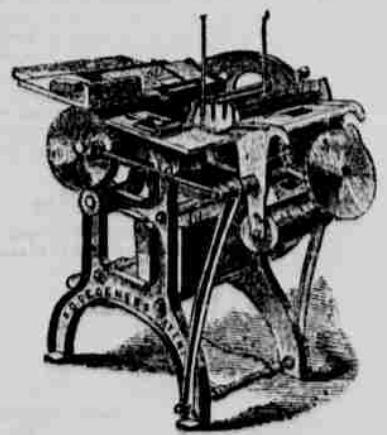
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